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City of Tucson Ward 5 Newsletter

April 2018

Dear Friends:

On Tuesday, April 24, the Air Force held a public scoping meeting at the Tucson Convention Center about Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, its mission and the potential of having the F-35 stationed at Davis-Monthan.

Davis-Monthan has been in our community since 1925, first as an airport and in 1940, became the Tucson Army Air Field. In 1948, it was commission as Davis-Monthan Air Force Base.

Davis-Monthan Air Force Base has a great economic impact for our community:

\$2.6 billion overall to the local Tucson economy; 19,321 military retirees in the local community with an annual retirement pay of \$513.6 million and an estimated 6,460 indirect and induced jobs with an approximate annual dollar value of \$291.8 million. It is one of our key economic engines.



My colleagues and I on the Tucson City Council have expressed our support for the mission of Davis-Monthan in a resolution in 2013.

When there was talk of Base closures, I used my vacation time and went to the nation's capitol, where I met with our Congressional delegation on the issue and Dr. Barry Blechman of the Stimson Institute who helped with Tucson's effort the last time to keep Davis-Monthan open in the 1990's.

At the subsequent Mayor and Council meeting, I made the motion to have Dr. Blechman draft another report and have our federal lobbyists work with Dr. Blechman and our Congressional Delegation to keep Davis-Monthan and Fort Huachuca open. The motion passed unanimously.

I ensured that the Mayor and Council go on record for federal legislation dealing with our military and Davis-Monthan and Fort Huachuca. The City also annexed the Boneyard so the operations to dismantle airplanes could be expanded.

I am also proud of the mural that I had created, done by students, that was of the five branches of the military and on the Ward 5 Council Office. This was done in tribute to those serving our country and in memory of those who served. It was my privilege in getting the World War II Memorial finished and constructed in Armory Park, honoring the 400 Tucsonans who lost their lives in World War II. This has been a long term partnership between Davis-Monthan and our community.



It is important that our community speaks out about the importance of Davis-Monthan and this recent public scoping meeting is a good example where we can submit our comments. Comments are due by May 11 and can be submitted online at www.afrc-f35a-beddown.com or by mail to: Mr. Hamid Kamalpour, U.S. Air Force, AFCEC/CZN, 2261 Hughes Ave, Ste 155, Lackland AFB, Texas 78236-9853.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard J. Fimbres".

Richard Fimbres
Your Ward 5 Councilmember

Congratulations Tucson Roadrunners!

I want to congratulate the Tucson Roadrunners, our hockey team for making history by winning the Pacific Division and Western Conference in the American Hockey League (AHL) in their second year of existence.

Our Tucson Roadrunners are in the 2018 American Hockey League Calder Cup Playoffs. It is history in the making in just two short years.

In May of 2016, the Mayor and Council approved a lease for the hockey club to move from Springfield, Massachusetts. The Roadrunners have exceeded attendance expectations.



Tucson has embraced our hockey team and the Roadrunners work hard to help charitable causes in our community. Congratulations to Bob Hoffman, President of the Tucson Roadrunners, his staff, Dusty and the team for their success! I want to thank the Mayor and Council for their support. Thanks also to the City Manager Michael Ortega, Elaine Becherer and the staff at the TCC for making this a success!



I am proud of what the Tucson Roadrunners have accomplished so far in their two years here in the Old Pueblo. Fans from across Tucson and Arizona go to the Roadrunners games. Let's go Roadrunners!

Budget Update

At the April 17 Mayor and Council meeting, City Manager Michael Ortega presented his proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2019, which starts July 1. The City's Manager's proposed budget is \$1.5 billion dollars.

Prior to this discussion, the Mayor and Council, the City Manager and his staff and Department Directors met to discuss the City of Tucson finances. The City Manager reported that the City may go into FY 2019 with a potential projected deficit of \$6 million to \$8 million dollars.



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Since my time on the Council, I have not seen a budget with a surplus. During this time, the budget deficits the Council has had to deal with has been between \$18 million to \$55 million. The Council dealt with them and balanced the budget. Thanks to my colleagues on the Council and the City Manager and his team, we have worked to get a structurally balanced budget for the past two years.

The Mayor and Council voted for pay increases for City employees who have 1.5 years of service or more with the City. The Tucson Police Chief and TPOA have put together a plan to hire more officers. Tucson Fire is also working on a plan.

The City Council will further discuss the \$1.5 billion spending plan in Study Session on May 8, and a public hearing will be held that same night. For more information, go online to tucsonaz.gov/budget.

Bridges Marks Seven Years

It was seven years ago the ribbon was cut on the Costco located at the Tucson Marketplace at the Bridges. On the day of their opening, 733 people signed up as members of Costco. The Costco store at the Bridges had \$741,000 in sales on their first day, setting a new first day record for them. This Costco initially created 150 new jobs but has expanded its workforce to 250 since.

The Costco at the Bridges was one of the first pieces of the Renaissance of Ward 5 and the South side. Six years later in April, Ward 5 and the community celebrated the ribbon cutting of the first Dave and Buster's, located at the Bridges. More than 230 jobs were created with the opening of the Dave & Buster's at the Bridges. Costco and Dave & Buster's have been joined by Wal-Mart, CenturyMark 14 Theater, Lin's Grand Buffet, Starbucks, Mattress Firm, Sprint, AT&T, Verizon, McDonald's, Culver's, Sport Clips, Planet Fitness and King Smoothie, naming several of the many businesses that have opened up at the Bridges, creating more than 1,200 jobs alone.

I want to again thank the four neighborhoods: South Park, Las Vistas, Western Hills and Pueblo Gardens for their work on the Bridges. I also want to thank Eric Davis of Retail West for his work on the Bridges. The Bridges is five minutes from downtown, five minutes from the U of A and four minutes from the airport. It is a key to our city's success.



Curacao, Quik-Trip, Bruker Nano, VXi Tucson, Alorica, Goodwill Industries, located in Ward 5, naming several of many, opened their doors or expanded their businesses. Raytheon announced their expansion, adding 1,975 jobs and Home-Goods Distribution Center opened, adding 1,100 jobs.

More than 7,000 jobs have been created in Ward 5 during my time which is more than any other Ward in the City. As opposed to developments in the downtown, which have relied on GPLET agreements, the developments in Ward 5 have not. This means the sales tax and other revenues to the City are immediate. The most economic growth over the past seven years has come from Ward 5 and the South-side. For everything that has been done at the Bridges, it has taken work and compromise. When I first took office, the neighbors and developers came to me to ask to work to amend the development agreement, which has resulted in the businesses and opportunity for Ward 5 and the South side, starting with the Costco, the first store and first part of the Renaissance of Ward 5.

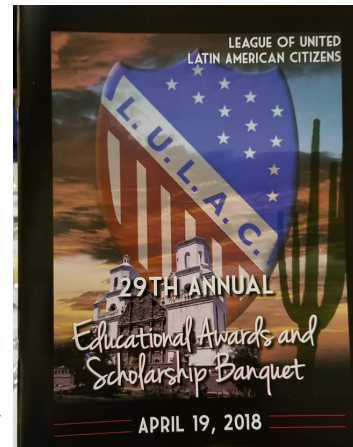
Ward 5 is Tucson's "economic hub."

LULAC Educational Awards & Scholarship Banquet A Success!

More than 500 people attended the 29th Annual LULAC Educational Award's and Scholarship Banquet, held April 19 at the DoubleTree Hotel.

Thanks to the efforts of volunteers and support from individuals, businesses and organizations, the 29th Annual LULAC Educational Scholarship Banquet was a success.

Receiving the LULAC Presidential Citation Award were: Dominique Calza, Program Coordinator, Mexican American Student Services, TUSD, Regina Navin Suitt, Vice President for Adult Basic Education at Pima Community College, Bruce Burke, attorney and community activist, Karin Uhlich, former Tucson Councilmember, Director of Housing Administration with Cenpatico Integrated Care, Founder - Center for Economic Integrity, and Francisco Romero, Spanish language broadcaster for the University of Arizona sports teams and the 2017 World Champion Houston Astros baseball club.



Receiving the Soldado de Cuero Lifetime Achievement Award were: George Steele, Vice President of the Marshall Foundation, Martha Fimbres, Clinical Social Worker, and Dr. Nelba Chavez, former administrator of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).

These individuals were honored for their work and commitment to bettering the lives of youth and our community.

Those in attendance received an update about the LULAC/SAIL Youth Leadership Conference, held April 6 at Pima Community College West Campus, which 1,300 students, grades 9-12, from schools across Tucson and Southern Arizona, took part. More than 125,000 students have taken part in the Youth Leadership Conference since its inception in 1988. Congratulations to the Youth Leadership Conference organizing committee for their work and success. The keynote speaker was Jessica Cox, the young lady who was born with no arms and worked to become a licensed pilot.

For more information, go online to lulacylc.org.

Cinco de Mayo Safety Message

Every 39 minutes and nearly 40 times a day, someone in the United States dies in an impaired driving-related crash. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration also estimates that about three in every ten people in United States will be involved in an impaired driving crash at some point in their lives.



Cinco de Mayo is an annual celebration held on May 5. The date is observed to commemorate the Mexican Army's unlikely victory over the French Empire at the Battle of Puebla, on May 5, 1862, under the leadership of General Ignacio Zaragoza.

In the United States, Cinco de Mayo has taken on a significance beyond that in Mexico. In the U.S. the date has become associated with the celebration of Mexican-American culture and Cinco de Mayo has become a big night out for many, particularly young adults. It has also become a dangerous night out due to impaired driving.

Americans who drive while impaired on Cinco de Mayo make it a high-risk evening on the nation's roadway for everyone.

An average of 43 percent of all highway fatalities each year on May 5 and overnight into the early morning of the next day were caused by impaired drivers with blood alcohol content levels of .08 percent or above, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). Here are some safety tips from NHTSA.

Whether you are just meeting a few friends after work or attending a Cinco de Mayo party, if you plan on using alcohol, never drink and drive while impaired -and never let a friend drive if they show signs of impairment.

If you are planning to use alcohol this Cinco de Mayo, keep in mind the following:

Designate a sober driver before going out to celebrate; Eat during the evening; load up on the chips and salsa and other appetizers, and then enjoy your other favorite Mexican foods during the evening; Don't even think about getting behind the wheel if you're drinking. Ask a sober friend for a ride home; call a cab, your local sober rides program, or friend or family member to come and get you; use other mass transit if available; Take the keys and never let a friend leave your sight if you think they are about to drive.

The tragedies and costs from drinking and driving impaired do not just end at the potential death, disfigurement, disability and injury caused by impaired drivers. Driving impaired or riding with someone who is impaired is not worth the risk. The consequences are serious and real. Not only do you risk killing yourself or someone else, but the trauma and financial costs of a crash or an arrest for driving while impaired can be really significant and not the way you want to celebrate Cinco de Mayo. People that break the law, often face jail time, the loss of their driver's license, higher insurance rates, and dozens of other unanticipated expenses from attorney fees, other fines and court costs, car towing and repairs, lost time at work, etc. Remember on Cinco de Mayo, Friends Don't Let Friends Drive Drunk.

Islas Market

A new business has opened up on the south side. Islas Meat Market and Carniceria is located at 702 W. Irvington Road, owned by Bobby Islas.

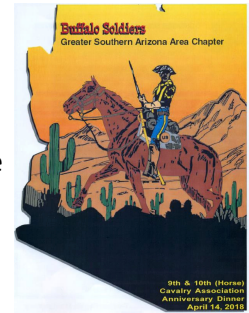
Check out Islas, open Tuesday through Saturday, 9 am to 6 pm, Sunday, 9 am to 3 pm and closed Monday. For more information, call (520) 777-5577.



Buffalo Soldiers Fundraiser

On Saturday, April 14, the Greater Southern Arizona Area Chapter of the 9th and 10th Cavalry had their annual Anniversary Dinner at the Dunbar Center.

At the dinner was former Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords. It was a pleasure to attend and help the Buffalo Soldier's in their effort to get a memorial built at the Quincie Douglas Center.



Pima College Men's Basketball Team Honored

At the meeting of the Mayor and Council, I along with Vice Mayor Paul Cunningham and Mayor Jonathan Rothschild honored the Pima College Men's Basketball Team, along with the Coaching Staff, Team Manager and Trainers for the team for their runner-up in the National Junior College Athletic Association Division II Basketball Tournament. Honored were Coaches: Head Coach Brian Peabody, H. Henrickson, Joe Hickie, Dylan Hidalgo, Matt Minder and Mike Morgan. Players: Jeremiah Bailey, Justin Bessard, Keven Biggs, Keegan Biggers, Abram Carrasco, Elloheim Clark, Nik Nehls, Ilunga Moise, Isaiah Murphy, Alize Travis, Robert Wilson. Team Manager: Joe Gutierrez. Lead Athletic Trainer: April Jessee. Athletic Training Interns: Breanna Dunn, Joseph Garcia, Paola Uzarraga.



Education Celebration at Holmes Tuttle Boys and Girls Club

On Monday, April 9, I attended an Education Celebration at the Holmes Tuttle Boy's and Girls Club . The event included Wilma and Wilbur Wildcat and Lyndsey Fry, USA Olympic Silver Medal Winner in ice hockey. I want to congratulate the Boys and Girls Club, the Pima County Library, GEICO Cares and the Arizona Leadership Fund for the event, which

goes on till 7 PM. It was great to see the kids at the Boys and Girls Club taking part.

Dancing In the Streets Arizona Honored

On Sunday, April 8, I had the privilege of speaking before Dancing In The Streets Arizona's latest production of Sleeping Beauty at the Temple of Music and Art.



Dancing In The Streets Arizona has worked with at-risk and underprivileged young people through their lessons of dance and ballet to these young people to better their lives.

Since 2009, more than 5,000 young people have received dance and ballet lessons through Dancing In The Streets. I also recognized the founders of the program, Joey Rodgers and Soleste Lupu for their work.

Our community is a better place thanks to Joey and Soleste.

CPI New Headquarters

On Thursday, April 5, I attended the ribbon cutting for the new Community Partners Incorporated offices at 44 East Broadway. This grand opening had a great turnout and a Proclamation from Tucson Mayor Jonathan Rothschild and the Tucson Chamber of Commerce. Congratulations to Vanessa Seaney, President and CEO of CPI, Charles Andrade, CFO of CPI, and the staff on their new location.



American Eat Company Opens Their Doors

American Eat Co., located at 1439 S. Fourth Avenue in Ward 5, opened on Tuesday, April 3. Tenants include six restaurants, an ice creamery, coffee shop, market and bar. American Eat Co. is the latest project of the Common Group, who are developing properties on Tucson's south side. Congratulations to Jesus Bonillas, Guillermo Gallegos and the Common Group for their success!

Tucson Homeless Work Program and Tucson Change Update

More than 401 people have taken part in the Tucson Homeless Work Program. They have cleaned up 83 miles of roadway and 139 locations, clearing 132,605 lbs (66 tons) of garbage. ... Dr. Richard Carmona, the 17th Surgeon General of the U.S. has become the first spokesperson for the Tucson Change Movement, where people can make donations online or give at one of the donations stations throughout downtown to help the homeless. Carlotta Flores with El Charro, Mayor Jonathan Rothschild and former Tucson Mayor Robert Walkup will also be doing public service announcements for Tucson Change. For more information, go online to tucsonchange.org.

Ward 5 Neighborhood Meetings For May

Fairgrounds Neighborhood Association - Thursday, May 3rd at 6:00 pm at Ward 5 Council Office, 4300 S. Park Avenue. South Park Neighborhood Association - Monday, May 7th at 6:00 pm, Quincie Douglas Center, 1575 E. 36th St. Campus Community Relations Committee (CCRC) - Tuesday, May 8th at 6:00 pm, Student Union Memorial Center, Ventana Room, 4th Floor, 1303 E. University Blvd. Mortimore Neighborhood Association - Wednesday, May 9th at 7:00 pm at Jesus Reigns Christian Fellowship, 5337 S. Palo Verde.

Sunnyside Neighborhood Association – No meeting during the summer months. Barrio Santa Rosa Neighborhood Association - Monday, May 14th at 6:00 pm, Santa Rosa Library, 1075 S. 10th Avenue. Barrio Santa Rita Neighborhood Association - Tuesday, May 15th at 6:00 pm/ Santa Cruz Parish, Good Shepherd Room, 1220 S. 6th Ave. Pueblo Gardens Neighborhood Association - Tuesday, May 15th at 6:30 pm, Holmes Tuttle Boys & Girls Club, 2585 E. 36th St. SNAPP (Southside Neighborhood Assn. Presidential Partnership) – 20th Anniversary Celebration, Thursday, May 17th at 6:00 pm, TPD Epic Building, 945 E. Ohio.

Metropolitan Education Commission Update

On Friday, April 27, the Metropolitan Education Commission (MEC) held their 28th Annual Crystal Apple Awards, honoring educators for their work and students for their academic success. I had the privilege to give the Dr. June Webb-Vignery Achievement Award to Steve Lynn. Dr. Nicholas Clement received a Lifetime Achievement Award for his work in education at the Amphi School District and now at NAU. Thanks to the work of my office, the MEC will be moving to their new location in the Santa Rosa Rec Center, 1080 S. 10th Avenue.

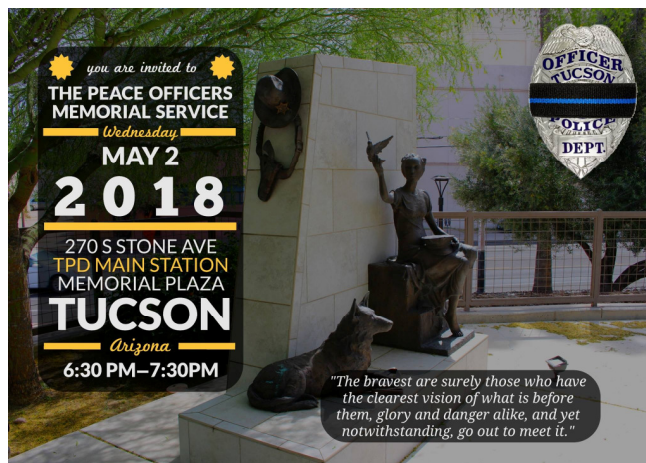


News and Notes

TPD Peace Officers Memorial Service will take place, Wednesday, May 2, from 6:30pm to 7:30pm at the Downtown Police Station.

This annual event is to remember and honor those Tucson Police Officers fallen in the line of duty.

For more information, Email Margo Susco at margo.susco@tucsonaz.gov.



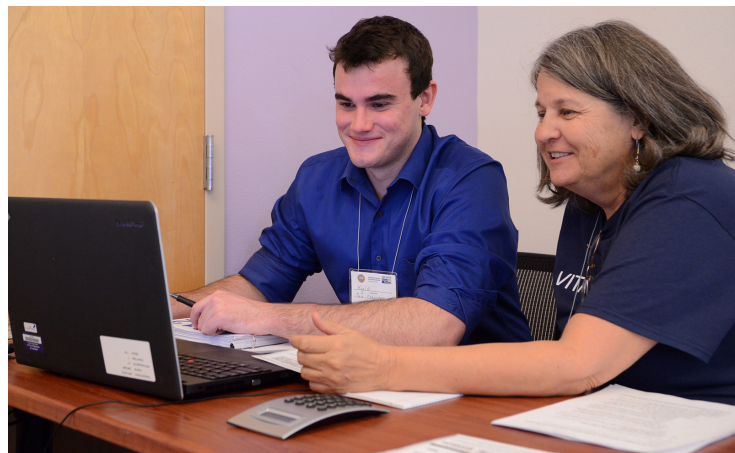
In May, Councilmember Richard Fimbres and a contingent of elected officials will be going to the Southern Arizona V.A. to deliver thank you cards and letters to Veterans at the hospital and the staff, for their service.

The staff and board of United Way of Tucson and Southern Arizona are extremely proud of and grateful for the volunteers who helped Tucsonans file their taxes through our volunteer income tax assistance program (VITA).

Since their initial tax preparation training in January up until midnight of the filing deadline on April 17, a team of more than 120 local VITA volunteers prepared nearly 2,500 tax returns, bringing nearly \$3 million to individuals and families in Tucson.

The benefits to our VITA clients are more than just the average savings of \$250 on preparation fees. We help our clients access all the tax credits for which they are eligible, connect to banking services and avoid predatory lending practices that are all too common at tax time.

VITA volunteers are accounting students, working administrative assistants, church parishioners, retired sound engineers and everything in between. It's not just for accountants and tax attorneys; anyone can become a VITA tax preparer and make a positive impact on their community.



Though the tax season is over, it is never too early to sign up for next year's tax season. United Way is always looking for committed volunteers who are able to serve their local VITA location. If you have any questions about the VITA program or volunteering please email Rachel Cheeseman at rcheeseman@unitedwaytucson.org.





"Nieve de Mayo" "Breaking the Ice"

Wednesday, May 9, 1-3 pm
El Pueblo Neighborhood Center
101 W. Irvington, Office 2A
(between the library & adult learning center)

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at 2 pm with
Tucson Hispanic Chamber of Commerce



Come "Break the Ice" with Interfaith Community Services. Please join us to celebrate the opening of our south side office at El Pueblo Neighborhood Center with some cool refreshments.

Get to know **ICS, our services** and our neighbors at **El Pueblo Community Center**.

For more information
Contact: Lauryn Valladares
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520-526-9288

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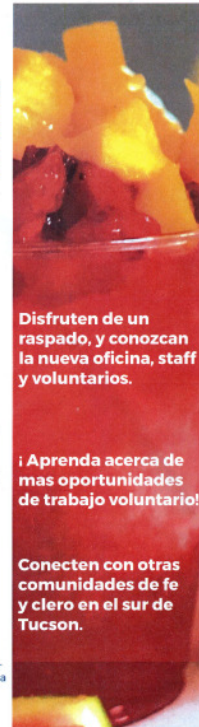
Miercoles, 9 de Mayo 1-3pm
El Pueblo Community Center
101 W. Irvington, Office 2A
(Entre la biblioteca y el centro de educacion de adultos)

Venga a celebrar el nueve de mayo con Interfaith Community Services, y la apertura de la nueva oficina en el sur de Tucson en El Pueblo Community Center.

Conozcan a ICS, nuestros servicios, y nuestros vecinos en El Pueblo Community Center.

Para mas informacion,
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Disfruten de un raspado, y conozcan la nueva oficina, staff y voluntarios.

¡Aprenda acerca de mas oportunidades de trabajo voluntario!

Conecten con otras comunidades de fe y clero en el sur de Tucson.

Join us for

FREE FOOD DISTRIBUTION At El Pueblo Neighborhood Center

Once a Month!

Contact
Interfaith Community Services
at 520-297-6049 ext. 4271
or email us at
info@icstucson.org
for more information

Friday, April 27
Friday, May 25
9:00 am - 11:00 am

Visit our Pop-Up Food Pantry on the fourth Friday of the month!
Receive bread, produce and other important food items from Interfaith Community Services and the Community Food Bank.

SE Corner of the El Pueblo Neighborhood Center
101 W. Irvington Rd.

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Frequently Used Phone Numbers

Emergency Services

Tucson Police Department or Tucson Fire Department
DIAL 911

Permits

Planning and Development Services Department
791-5550

Housing Assistance

City of Tucson Community Services Department
791-4739

Tucson Convention Center

791-4101

City of Tucson Code Enforcement

791-5843

TPD Red Tag Unit

837-7318

Graffiti Removal

792-CITY (2489)

Trash Pick Up & Environmental Services

City of Tucson Environmental Services Department
791-3171

Transportation & Street Maintenance

Tucson Department of Transportation
791-3154

Tucson Water Department

Billing - 791-3242, Public Information - 791-4331

Park Tucson

791-5071

Pima Animal Care

724-5900

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